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AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a hand of blackjack played by a player, comprising:

determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in a push; and based on a random outcome, determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving from the player an indication of a wager amount associated with the hand of blackjack, said receiving being performed prior to said determining that the hand of blackjack resulted in the push; and

after said determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack, arranging for the player to receive payment of a winning amount based on the wager amount.

- 3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising: deciding if the push will be resolved.
- 4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, wherein said deciding comprises: after said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push, receiving from the player an indication of whether the push will be resolved.
 - 5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising: displaying an indication of the random outcome to the player.
 - 6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising: initiating a random outcome generator; and receiving an indication of the random outcome.
 - 7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising: generating the random outcome.



- 8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed after said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push.
- 9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8, wherein said generating is performed in response to said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push.
- 10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed prior to said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push.
- 11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein the random outcome is statistically independent of the hand of blackjack played prior to the push.
- 12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed using at least one die.
- 13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed using a coin.
- 14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed using a random number generator.
- 15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed using a rotating wheel.
- 16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed using a set of playing cards.
- 17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 16, wherein the deck of playing cards comprises the set used in the hand of blackjack.

- 18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 16, wherein the set of playing cards comprises a set other than a set of playing cards used in the hand of blackjack.
 - 19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising: arranging for the player to receive payment of a winning amount.
- 20. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the winning amount is based at least in part on the random outcome.
 - 21. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 20, further comprising: displaying the winning amount to the player.
- 22. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the winning amount is based at least in part on at least one of: (i) information associated with the player, and (ii) at least one card accumulated by the player or a dealer in the hand of blackjack.
- 23. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the random outcome comprises a first state indicating that the player has won the hand of blackjack and a second state indicating that the player has not won the hand of blackjack.
- 24. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the random outcome has a plurality of states, at least two of the plurality of states being associated with different winning amounts.
- 25. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a plurality of hands of blackjack played by a player, comprising:

determining that the plurality of hands of blackjack have resulted in a push; and based on a random outcome, determining if the player has won at least one of the plurality of the hands of blackjack.

26. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 25, wherein a single random outcome determines if the player has won all of the plurality of hands of blackjack.

- 27. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 25, wherein a separate random outcome determines if the player has won each of the plurality of hands of blackjack.
- 28. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a plurality of hands of blackjack played by a plurality of players respectively, comprising:

determining that the plurality of hands of blackjack have resulted in a push; and based on a random outcome, determining if the plurality of players have won the plurality of the hands of blackjack.

- 29. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 28, wherein a single random outcome determines if all of the plurality of players have won all of the plurality of hands of blackjack.
- 30. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 28, wherein a separate random outcome determines if each of the plurality of players have won the respective hand of blackjack.
- 31. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a plurality of hands of blackjack played by a player, comprising:

determining that a first hand of blackjack has resulted in a first push;

determining that a second hand of blackjack has resulted in a second push; and
based on a random outcome, determining if the player has won the first and second hands
of blackjack.

- 32. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 31, wherein the second hand of blackjack is played after said determining that the first hand of blackjack has resulted in the first push.
- 33. (ORIGINAL) A method of determining a winner in a hand of blackjack played by a player, comprising:

receiving an indication that the hand of blackjack has resulted in a push; and transmitting a random outcome in response to said receiving, the random outcome determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack.

34. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a hand of blackjack, comprising: receiving from a player an indication of a wager amount associated with the hand of blackjack;

determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in a push;

in response to said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push, initiating a random outcome generator;

receiving an indication of a random outcome, the random outcome being statistically independent of the hand of blackjack played prior to the push;

based on the random outcome, determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack; displaying to the player an indication of at least one of (i) the random outcome and (ii) the determination if the player has won the hand of blackjack; and

arranging for the player to receive payment of a winning amount based on the wager amount.

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